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Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Action ID 200610391, North Carolina Department of Transportation Project R-2507A, Hertford and Gates Counties, Widening and Improvements to US 13 from US 158 near Winton to US 158 in Tarheel, State Project # 35488

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Dear Ms. Gledhill-Earley:

By letter dated January 29, 2007, we received a request from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to define the undertaking and establish the Area(s) of Potential Effects (APE) or permit area for both historic structures and archaeology for a proposed multi-lane improvement of US 13 from US 158 near Winton to US 158 in Tarheel, Hertford and Gates Counties, North Carolina.

Since the project does not utilize federal funds, the Corps of Engineers will serve as the lead Federal agency with respect to compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. A section 404 permit will be required for construction of the project as the undertaking will consist of the discharge of fill material into numerous waters of the United States throughout the corridor. Based on our review of the available information, we have determined that the Permit Area, as defined in Appendix C of our regulations, will be the entire construction corridor from the beginning to the end of the R-2507A project and extend to the limits of the right-of-way along this distance. A map is attached for your review. Please note that as final design has not been completed for this project our determination of Undertaking and Permit Area are based solely on the information we received from NCDOT.

Preliminary consultation between NCDOT and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has occurred for this project. Based on your February 15, 2006, memorandum to NCDOT, you determined that the project area historic structures survey is out of date and therefore recommended a new architectural survey be conducted for the project area. While your memorandum identified several archaeological sites based on the 1994 report by Robinson